

Based Upon: PCT/CH03/00004

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A plastic closure comprising: a lower part ~~[[and]], a cap and a snap hinge~~ connecting the lower part and the cap ~~via which the two closure parts are connected~~ to one another as one piece, ~~wherein~~ the lower part and the cap ~~may be manufactured~~ manufacturable in ~~[[the]]~~ a closed state and ~~additionally~~ connected to one another ~~[[via]]~~ by at least one separation seam, ~~characterised in that~~ and all elements of the snap hinge ~~[[lie]]~~ positioned in ~~a~~ a ~~[[the]]~~ lateral wall ~~(skirt) regions~~ region of the closure which run parallel to ~~[[the]]~~ a closing and opening movement direction of ~~[[the]]~~ an injection mould mold.

2. (Currently Amended) A plastic closure according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the lateral walls of the lower part and the cap are arranged ~~lying~~ on top of one another in a flush manner at least in ~~[[the]]~~ a region of the snap hinge.

3. (Currently Amended) A plastic closure according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the lateral walls of the lower part and the cap lie on top of one another in a completely flush manner.

Based Upon: PCT/CH03/00004

4. (Currently Amended) A plastic closure according to claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the lateral walls of the lower part and the cap on ~~[[the]]~~ an outer surface are free of one of inward formations ~~[[or]]~~ and outward formations, and ~~[[the]]~~ inner surfaces comprise at least one of inward formations ~~and/or~~ and outward formations ~~which do not exceed the~~ exceeding a wall thickness of the lateral walls.

5. (Currently Amended) A plastic closure according to claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the lateral walls of the lower part and the cap on the inner surface are free of one of inward formations ~~[[or]]~~ and outward formations, and the outer surfaces have at least one of inward formations ~~and/or~~ and outward formations ~~which do not exceed the~~ exceeding a wall thickness of the lateral walls.

6. (Currently Amended) A plastic closure according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the lower part and the cap are connected to one another ~~[[via]]~~ by two separation seams which delimit a guarantee strip, ~~wherein~~ and the two separation seams proceeding from a lateral limitation of the snap hinge ~~[[run]]~~ are positioned around the closure up to at least approximately ~~[[the]]~~ an other lateral limitation of the snap hinge.

7. (Currently Amended) A plastic closure according to claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the two separation seams run parallel to one another.

Based Upon: PCT/CH03/00004

8. (Currently Amended) A plastic closure according to claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the two separation seams run in two planes ~~which run~~ perpendicular to ~~the centre~~ a central middle axis of the closure.

9. (Currently Amended) A plastic closure according to claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the two separation seams run in planes ~~which run~~ inclined to the ~~centre~~ a central middle axis of the closure.

10. (Currently Amended) A plastic closure according to claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the two separation seams run in planes which ~~[[run]]~~ are differently inclined with respect to ~~the centre~~ a central middle axis of the closure.

11. (Currently Amended) A plastic closure according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the snap hinge is formed of two film hinges which from one lateral limitation to ~~[[the]]~~ an other limitation of the snap hinge ~~assume such~~ follow a course that ~~they~~ one of centrally approach one another ~~or run apart (diverge)~~ and diverge from one another.

12. (Currently Amended) A plastic closure according to claim 11, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the two film hinges at ~~[[the]]~~ a middle portion contact one another at least approximately and ~~assume~~ follow one of a curved course ~~or one running with~~ and a sharp bend, wherein ~~they~~ the film hinges laterally enclose two lateral intermediate elements transmitting tensile forces.

Based Upon: PCT/CH03/00004

13. (Currently Amended) A plastic closure according to claim 11, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the lateral limitations of ~~[[the]]~~ intermediate elements are separated from the lateral walls by a gap.

14. (Currently Amended) A plastic closure according to claim 11, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the lateral limitations of ~~[[the]]~~ intermediate elements are connected to the adjacent lateral walls by separation seams, ~~wherein these separation seams~~ that tear on opening for ~~[[the]]~~ a first time.

15. (Currently Amended) A plastic closure according to claim 14, wherein an ~~[[An]]~~ injection ~~mould~~ mold for manufacturing the plastic closures ~~according to one of the claims 1-14, consisting of~~ closure has two plates ~~of which the, one plate comprises~~ the of the plates has cores~~[[,]]~~ and ~~[[the]]~~ an other ~~plate the~~ of the plates has cavities, ~~characterised in that~~ and at least one of the plates on ~~[[the]]~~ surfaces parallel to ~~[[the]]~~ an extension direction of the ~~plate~~ plates is free of one of recesses ~~[[or]]~~ and protuberances.

16. (Currently Amended) An injection ~~mould~~ mold according to claim 15, ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein mandrels on the one plate in the surfaces parallel to the extension direction comprise at least one of protuberances ~~and/or~~ and recesses, and ~~whilst the~~ other plate comprising with the cavities~~[[,]]~~ on ~~[[the]]~~ surfaces ~~lying~~ parallel to the extension direction is free of one of recesses ~~[[or]]~~ and protuberances.

Based Upon: PCT/CH03/00004

17. (Currently Amended) An injection ~~mould~~ mold according to claim 15, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the cavities in the surfaces parallel to the extension direction ~~comprise~~ are one of recesses [[or]] and protuberances, ~~whilst~~ and the surfaces of [[the]] mandrels parallel to the extension direction are free of one of protuberances [[or]] and recesses.

18. (Currently Amended) A plastic closure according to claim 17, ~~wherein a [[A]] method for manufacturing the~~ plastic closure according to one of the claims 1-14 ~~whilst using the injection mould according to one of the claims 15-17, characterised in that~~ firstly that plate which ~~comprises~~ first extending the plates with one of the mandrels [[or]] and the cavities with surfaces parallel to the extension direction which are free of one of the recesses [[or]] and the protuberances ~~is extended, whereupon~~ and then ejecting the plastic closures which are ~~{set}~~ free at one side ~~are ejected~~ from the other plate.

19. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 18 ~~using the~~ injection mould according to claim 16, ~~characterised in that firstly,~~ wherein first the other plate ~~comprising~~ with the cavities is retracted and ~~thereafter the~~ then cores are pulled from the plastic closures.

20. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 18 ~~using the~~ injection mould according to claim 17, ~~characterised in that firstly the,~~ wherein first cores are pulled from the plastic closures and ~~thereafter~~ then the plastic closures are ejected.

Based Upon: PCT/CH03/00004

21. (New) A plastic closure according to claim 15, wherein a method for manufacturing the plastic closure comprises first extending the plates with one of mandrels and the cavities with surfaces parallel to the extension direction which are free of one of the recesses and the protuberances, and then ejecting the plastic closures which are free at one side from the other plate.

22. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein first the other plate with the cavities is retracted and then cores are pulled from the plastic closures.

23. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein first cores are pulled from the plastic closures and then the plastic closures are ejected.

24. (New) A plastic closure according to claim 1, wherein an injection mold for manufacturing the plastic closure has two plates, one of the plates has cores and an other of the plates has cavities, and at least one of the plates on surfaces parallel to an extension direction of the plates is free of one of recesses and protuberances.

25. (New) An injection mold according to claim 24, wherein mandrels on the one plate in the surfaces parallel to the extension direction comprise at least one of protuberances and recesses, and the other plate with the cavities on surfaces parallel to the extension direction is free of one of recesses and protuberances.

Based Upon: PCT/CH03/00004

26. (New) An injection mold according to claim 24, wherein the cavities in the surfaces parallel to the extension direction are one of recesses and protuberances, and the surfaces of mandrels parallel to the extension direction are free of one of protuberances and recesses.